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V.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-19	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-19	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-19	YES
	Claims ·		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: FR-A-2 796 368 (VALOIS SA) 19 January 2001 (2001-01-19), cited in the application

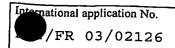
Document D1, which is considered the most relevant prior art, discloses a fluid product-dispensing device, from which the subject matter of claim 1 differs in that it comprises a reinforcing structure.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem which the present invention is intended to solve can therefore be considered to be that of improving the dispensing device and giving it stability, as well protecting the dispenser.

The solution to this problem as proposed in claim 1 of the present application is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

The prior art does not suggest a dispenser in combination with a protective shell <u>and</u> a



reinforcing structure.

Claims 2-19 are dependent on claim 1 and, as such, therefore also meet the PCT requirements of novelty and inventive step.